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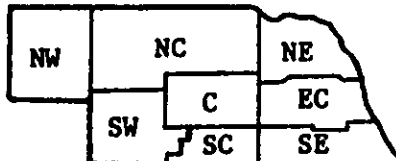
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## WEATHER

For the week ending March 3, temperatures were mild, averaging from three degrees above normal in the west to 12 degrees above normal in the east. Precipitation appeared at the end of the week as a strong storm passed through the State. Weather patterns varied widely throughout the State with one to ten inches of snow falling in the Panhandle, freezing rain in north central Nebraska, tornadoes and hail in the south central area, and fog and thundershowers in the east. Amounts of precipitation ranged from a quarter to a half inch.

## GENERAL

Temperatures across Nebraska during February averaged just over two degrees below normal. However, precipitation was light and with temperatures averaging eight degrees above normal the last week of the month, the snow cover quickly disappeared. Moisture conditions were mostly adequate but surface soils were drying resulting in some blowing, particularly in the west. Farm activities consisted of livestock care, machinery repair, tax preparation and preparing cash flow statements while planning for the 1985 planting and growing season.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 14% fair and 86% good. At the end of January, the crop rated 39% fair, 60% good and 1% excellent. The wheat crop was beginning to show signs of green up in some areas. Expected winter kill losses are light; however, no instances of winter kill have been reported at this time.

## LIVESTOCK

Continued mild winter conditions allowed livestock producers to leave cattle on corn and milo stalks for another month, reducing the need for much supplemental feeding. Hay, forage and feed grain supplies continued to be rated adequate or above. Ranchers remained busy with calving, lambing and other livestock care as reports of livestock losses this winter were low. Movement of feeder cattle and open cows continued active.

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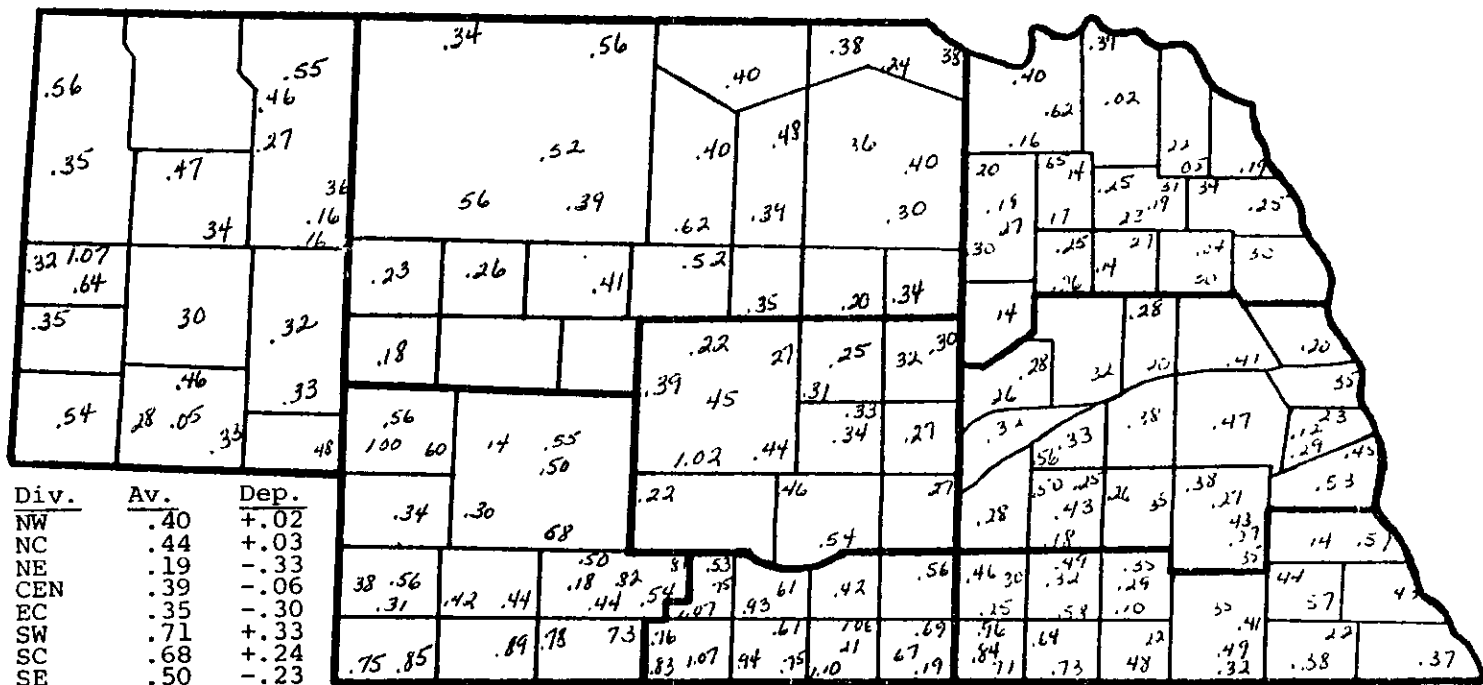
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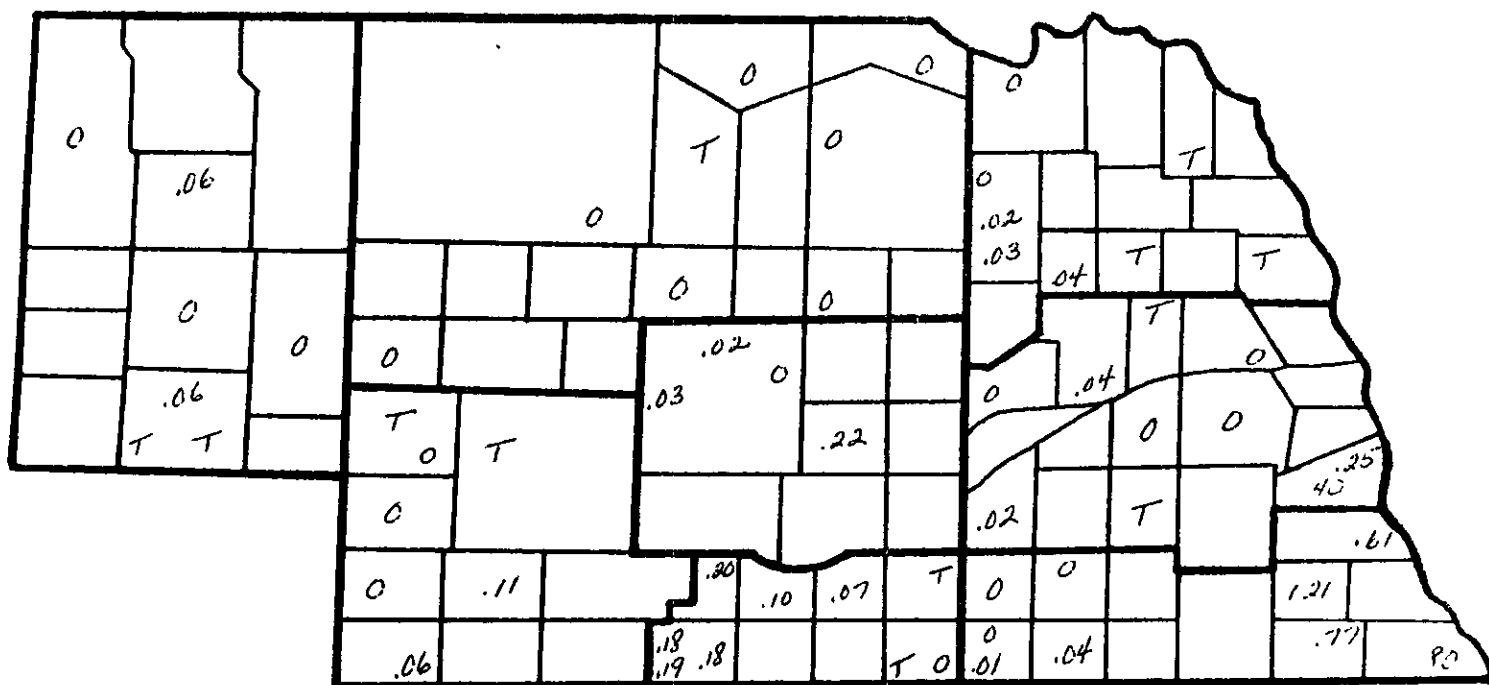
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# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1985 1/



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## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1985



## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1985

| Station |              | Temperature |     |      | Precipitation |                                    |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|---------------|------------------------------------|
|         |              | Extremes    |     | Mean | Departure     | Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u> |
|         |              | Max         | Min |      |               |                                    |
| NW      | Chadron      | 58          | 14  | 33   | --            | .21                                |
|         | Scottsbluff  | 60          | 16  | 35   | +3            | .21                                |
|         | Sidney       | 57          | 15  | 36   | --            | .03                                |
| NC      | Ord          | 61          | 27  | 42   | --            | .00                                |
|         | Valentine    | 57          | 18  | 36   | +9            | T                                  |
| NE      | Norfolk      | 60          | 19  | 39   | +11           | .61                                |
|         | Sioux City   | 61          | 20  | 39   | +11           | .56                                |
| CEN     | Grand Island | 61          | 23  | 41   | +10           | .60                                |
| EC      | Lincoln      | 59          | 19  | 40   | +9            | .34                                |
|         | Omaha        | 57          | 24  | 41   | +12           | .40                                |
| SW      | Imperial     | 59          | 19  | 39   | --            | .00                                |
|         | North Platte | 58          | 20  | 36   | +6            | .06                                |

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.